

much right to your share of the thing as any other Muslim, but don't you realise it is unlawful to make use of the thing before you actually get it I warn you to be very careful in future."

## STORY 60.

### THE SUPREMACY OF LAW THE CHIEF GLORY OF ISLAM.

WHEN (Hazrat) Ali had to arm himself in order to join the battle of Suffhan he could not find his coat of mail. Every possible search was made for it, but to no purpose.

When he returned from the battle he was informed that his armour was in the possession of a certain Jew.

(Hazrat) Ali said to the Jew, "I have neither given the armour to any body nor have I sold it. How then does it happen to be in your possession?"

"This armour is mine" said the Jew. "I have had it in my possession for a long time. If it is yours then it is for you to prove that it is so."

At last the case went before the Quazi whose name was Shurai. He heard both sides, and then asked (Hazrat) Ali to bring his witnesses. (Hazrat) Ali produced his son (Hazrat) Hassan and his slave Qumbar. But the Quazi said, "The evidence of a son in favour of his father and that of a slave for his master is inadmissible in law. Therefore I dismiss the suit."

The Jew was so much impressed by this extraordinary regard for justice that he there and then embraced Islam.